

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 243*

Short Title: Back to Basics.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran (Primary Sponsor); Rabin and Randleman.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 11, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE
2 INSTRUCTION IN CURSIVE WRITING AND MEMORIZATION OF
3 MULTIPLICATION TABLES AS A PART OF THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

7 "(k) Cursive Writing. – The standard course of study shall include the requirement that
8 the public schools provide instruction in cursive writing so that students create readable
9 documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade.

10 (l) Multiplication Tables. – The standard course of study shall include the requirement
11 that students enrolled in public schools memorize multiplication tables to demonstrate
12 competency in efficiently multiplying numbers."

13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
14 the 2013-2014 school year.

